

DATE: October 3, 2022

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DECEMBER, 2021 THRU NOVEMBER, 2022
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH

Franklin County Board Committee meetings and Franklin County Board meetings are held at the Franklin County Board Room, Franklin County Courthouse, 100 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

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- () Randall Crocker
- () Neil Hargis - EMA
- () Mark Kash – Waste Management
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman (phone)
- (x) Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- (x) Jack Warren – Animal Control
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- () David Bartoni, Sheriff
- () Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- () Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
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- () Sarah Popham, JDC Superintendent
- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
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- () Judge Melissa Morgan
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Guests... Rocky Morris (question concerning progress on Forensic audit and also on possible Morgue for Coroner), Kevin Wilson, Curtis Overton, and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Coroner Marty Leffler presented his September report which can be viewed on www.franklincountyil.gov as 10-3-2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1. There were no Covid deaths this past month.

The discussion of a Franklin County Morgue was then discussed...

- Currently Coroner Leffler is having to go to O'Fallen, for autopsies,
- Using an office in his own funeral home is becoming a problem for him,
- Transportation rates and the time required is becoming very burdensome for his department,

Board Chairman Miller gave his thoughts...

- County Clerk's Office does need the funding to be digitized,
- ARPA money is very limited on usage,
- 911 consolidation would be good for the residents of Franklin County.
- A Franklin County Morgue would also be good for the people of Franklin County.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Minutes 10/13/2022

John Gossett - Health and Environment Committee

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Guests...Tom Carter (Questions concerning the Mariah Boat Building and how much do the forfeitures of back taxes affect the county – Board responded to get information on that) Rocky Morris (question concerning progress on Forensic audit – Board responded that he was detained by a previous audit), Kevin Wilson, and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:41 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Sheriff David Bartoni presented information on a water conservation electronic plumbing control system which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 10-17-2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1. This could improve safety for correction officers, improve conditions for the inmates, and also lower the county jail's water cost. The cost has not yet been provided, so discussions will continue when the Sheriff has that information.

County Board Member Ray Minor mentioned this system as something that could be helpful to the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). Discussion continued on the average amount of the youth in the JDC, the number of beds that could be filled, and the overall condition of the building.

Coroner Marty Leffler gave the board an update on some of the costs that would be needed for a county morgue. This can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 10-17-2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2. Leffler also informed the board of his need for a vehicle. The current van he drives for the county has over 350,000 miles on it.

Board Chairman Larry Miller let the board know that he had recently talked with EMA Director Ryan Buckingham and Captain Kyle Bacon concerning the possibility of a Central Dispatch Center. He has asked them to try to get some figures on the capital investment it will take to make this move, and also a sample of a yearly budget that could support the center. He also will present a name to be appointed to the Franklin County House Authority due to a resignation.

The County Clerk was asked to get a quote to digitize the information from the Clerk's office and present it at the next meeting. This process would be very valuable to the residents of the county when buying or selling property.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.
Minutes 11/03/2022
John Gossett – Public Safety Committee